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**Subject:** Re: Thank you for your letter

I'm convinced that the Hopi Tribe really don't understand or ignore the fact that the Hopi Tribe "is a union of self-governing villages according to the Hopi Constitution. We do not dispute the fact that Public Water systems is public information. Every month we are required by EPA Laws to send test results to EPA, post in public places and make available to the public. We all know that the Hopi Tribe do not operate waters systems, we do in the villages. We do understand and have to accept that the Hopi Tribe is our legislative body and they do have the "government to government" responsibility that was inherited after the 1934 IRA. That "government to government" responsibility should include working with villages, including notifying us on matters pertaining to our programs, such as water operations. I immediately asked our Tribal Council Representatives if they were informed of the request for interviews to which they responded they had no knowledge, otherwise, they would have notified us.

Let me refer to a previous incident a few months ago. The Hopi Tribal Community Planning Office requested directly to the IHS Engineering Office for information on our water system. They were questioning whether our village had sufficient water to support our development project. This was all because we were threatening their so-call Tawa-Ovi Project. I at that time, I had to go "tirade" (outburst, attack)) questioning why the tribal department did not come directly to our office. We have the same information or we could make the same request to the IHS Engineering Office, it is our program. You must know our local village offices do not come to our office on questions or complaints and directly contact EPA, IHS and the Hopi Tribe. Than we have to respond to all your offices. We must know all this is petty politics.

Most recently, the Hopi Health Care and Hopi Tribe invited the Navajo Department of Transportation to a meeting to discuss a maintenance agreement on the deteriorating Polacca Airport. We learned of this meeting from another person and again went "tirade" because this airport is on our village lands and we have for years been maintaining the airport with the assistance of the Navajo Tribe. We have been waiting on the Hopi Tribal Real Estate Office for at least 20 years to renew leases. I can go on and on to explain why we villages must exercise out right to protect our self-governing status.

I was Chairman for many years and experienced the media during the infamous Navajo Hopi Land Dispute. We received no mercy from the media because the suffering of the Navajo relocates was played to the media. The media will focus on sensationalism to sell their story. Our problem is here at home because out tribal government is not providing the necessary funding from our own financial resources to fund the HAMP project. It is my opinion that it is our problem and its about our people. We already committed millions of dollars on the Moencopi Development Corporation and recently the Council approved 0% interest. We are telling the world our government is incapable to help its people. I don't agree we sue someone again and continue to make tribal lawyers millionaires.

I will ask that all of you in the future, to simply inform us on such upcoming matter/issues. We can than be better prepared to respond to the after affects. We are already being contacted for information which I agree is great. But we could have been better prepared. I have attended our village meetings to explain our water program but subjected to personal attacks on unrelated matters. The HAMP Project is not under my authority and will continue to seek other alternatives to bring water to our village. I requested the assistance from NTUA which fell to the usual non-response from the Hopi Administration. Our Tribal Leaders, especially the Chairman and Vice Chairman must schedule meetings in our villages which was mandated by the Tribal Council years ago to report on important tribal matters such as HAMP. This stopped during the Masayesva Administration.

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**Subject:** RE: Thank you for your letter

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Mr. Sidney,

This story came about by the AZ Republic reporter contacting the Tribe, it was forwarded to me and I asked the executive offices for permission to talk to this individual. More over this was also brought up in council and the First Mesa Representatives, I believe were in attendance when this was brought up. It took a few days to get the "OK" to talk to AZ Republic. There was no direction as to who was to be talked to, a number of people were interviewed, including myself, and I'm not sure who the reporter interviewed in the villages but it was not solely First Mesa residents that were interviewed. I believe the people who made it into the paper are merely there because they had "better stories" to tell and were more personable. Although it does say First Mesa in there it does elude to that the fact that ¾ of the reservation is not in compliance. I am not sure of the how the reporter chose what was to be in the story or her editor, so just some background.

One thing I want to stress is that we did not solicit this interview it was a request, and honestly I believe it did some good. We have received some calls to ask as how people can help the Tribe with this issue. So I would caution before one goes on a tirade to think of the overall effect that it may have in the interest that has been generated thus far. It has been awhile since this issue has been in the media limelight and in the end any press is good press right?

Also, let me make this clear that all Public Water System (PWS) information is just that "Public" all analytical results that are submitted to EPA are readily available to the public via the internet, nothing is secret because it is a human health issue. This does not only apply to tribes but to the states as well. Any questions let me know.

Thank you.

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**Subject:** Fwd: Thank you for your letter

I had no choice but to contact the newspaper. I wonder why we were not informed and why it only focused on First Mesa and using First Mesa people. When will we all start working together in honesty. We struggle every day to provide water and meeting EPA testing requirements. Yet, the Hopi Tribe elect to listen to village politicians to hold onto our escrow funds which can help improve our water services. It is very evident that the tribe used the Sichomovi Administration who chooses to place obstacles in our efforts to provide services under our self-governing status. We may have to release our own press release to place the blame where it rightfully should be. I administer the water system on a daily basis and have the working information on the issue. We can not totally place the blame on the government, especially EPA. It is EPA that is assisting us with funding projects to improve our systems. In the past years the tribe paid lawyers millions of dollars to lawyers and consultants which could have remedy our water problem. Our critical problem is the Hopi Tribal governments financial none audit status with the federal government. I would like to hear your comments or suggestions.

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### Confirmation for form Letters to the editor submissions

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**Write your letter in the space below: (1,200 characters maximum):** Your article on Hopi Community water system having high levels of arsenic is only focused on one village providing some information on the entire

history of the problem. This problem exist in six of the twelve villages including the BIA Headquarters located at Keams Canyon. The BIA and Indian Health drilled these wells for our schools and turned them over to our villages. Hopi Tribe in 2006 obtained a waiver from EPA to use the tainted water until they bring another water source. This waiver expired in January of 2015. This project is far from providing us the alternative water. I am a Hopi from First Mesa and administer our village water system. I am a former cancer patient in remission. I suffered from lymphoma caused by the 1950 Nevada testing downwind. I am trying to address the issue by our own village government but faced by our own tribal and village politics. Our village government is under our traditional form of government and do not receive funds from the Hopi Tribe. We are required to provide water having arsenic and must comply with strict testing requirements at our own expenses. I hope our struggles can also be told and heard. We were never contacted for information.